a housing of a size to be held in the palm of a user's hand and including a memory input port sized to receive a digital camera memory module;

a mass storage device operatively coupled to receive and store picture image data from a digital camera memory module inserted into said memory input port and for storing said image data, said mass storage device being accessible for downloading said image data to a user's computer;

data transfer circuitry for controlling the transfer of data stored in said digital camera module inserted into said memory input port to said mass storage device, and

an output interface, coupled to said mass storage device, for use in transferring image data stored in said mass storage device to said user's computer, said output interface being compatible with an interface of said user's computer.

3. (Amended) A portable, hand-held, digital camera picture image data transfer and repository device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said output interface includes a USB interface operatively coupled to said mass storage device for transferring picture image data to a user's computer.

11. (Amended) A portable, palm sized, hand-held, general purpose, digital data transfer and repository device for use for transferring said data between a removable memory module and a user's computer comprising:

a housing of a size to be held in the palm of a user's hand and including

a memory insertion section for receiving a first digital memory module, and for receiving a second digital memory module,

a mass storage device contained within said hand-held housing and operatively coupled to receive and store digital data from said first digital memory module and said second digital memory module, said mass storage device being accessible for data transfer with a user's computer;

processing circuitry contained within said hand-held housing for controlling the transfer of data stored in said first digital memory module and second digital memory module to said mass storage device, and

an output interface, coupled to said mass storage device, for use in transferring data between said mass storage device and said user's computer, said output interface being compatible with an interface of said user's computer.

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14. (Amended) A portable, hand-held, digital data transfer and repository device in accordance with claim 11, wherein said output interface includes a USB interface operatively coupled to said mass storage device for transferring data to a user's computer.

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16. (Amended) A portable, palm sized, hand-held, digital data transfer and repository device for use for transferring data between a removable memory module and a user's computer comprising:

a housing of a size to be held in the palm of a user's hand and including

a memory input port for receiving a digital memory module,

a mass storage device contained within said hand-held housing and operatively coupled to receive and store digital data from said digital memory module and said second digital memory module] inserted into said memory input port, said mass storage device being accessible for data transfer with a user's computer;

at least one control key for initiating an operation relating to the data stored in said digital memory module;

processing circuitry contained within said hand-held housing for controlling the transfer of data stored in said digital memory module to said mass storage device, and

an output interface, coupled to said mass storage device, for use in transferring data between said mass storage device and said user's computer, said output interface being compatible with an interface of said user's computer.

19 (Amended) A portable, hand-held, digital data transfer and repository device in accordance with claim 16, wherein said output interface includes a USB interface operatively coupled to said mass storage device for transferring data to a user's computer.

22 (Amended) A method of operating a portable, palm-sized, hand-held digital camera picture image data transfer and repository device to permit the digital camera memory module to be reused, said data transfer and repository device including a mass storage device and being operable to transfer said image data between a removable

memory module of a digital camera and a user's computer and further including an output interface, coupled to said mass storage device, for use in transferring image data stored in said mass storage device to said user's computer, said output interface being compatible with an interface of said user's computer, said method comprising the steps of:

inserting into a memory input port of said repository device a digital camera memory module having picture image data stored therein;

transferring picture image data from the digital memory module to said mass storage device within said repository device; and

reformatting said digital camera memory module so that it may be reinserted into a digital camera for picture taking.

23 (Amended) A method according to claim 22, further including the step of: transferring picture image data to a user's computer via said output interface in said portable repository device.

Please add new claims 25- 31 as follows:

--25. (New) A portable, palm sized, hand-held, digital data transfer and repository apparatus for use for transferring data between a memory module removable from a user's device and a user's computer comprising:

a housing of a size to be held in the palm of a user's hand;

a memory input receiving section in said housing for receiving a digital memory module,

a mass storage device contained within said hand-held housing and operatively coupled to receive and store digital data from said digital memory module inserted into said memory input receiving section, said mass storage device being accessible for data transfer with a user's computer;

a display for displaying data indicative of at least part of the contents of said digital memory module;

processing circuitry contained within said hand-held housing for modifying the contents of said digital memory module so that it may be reused in said user's device, and

an output interface, coupled to said mass storage device, for use in transferring data between said mass storage device and said user's computer, said output interface being compatible with an interface of said user's computer.--

--26. (New) A portable, hand-held, digital data transfer and repository apparatus in accordance with claim 25, wherein said output interface includes a USB interface operatively coupled to said mass storage device for transferring data to and from a user's computer.--

--27. (New) A portable, hand-held, data transfer and repository apparatus in accordance with claim 25, wherein said user's device is a digital camera and wherein said

processing circuitry is operable to reformat a digital camera memory module inserted into said memory input receiving section to place said digital camera memory module into a state where it can be reused in said digital camera for picture capture.--

--28. (New) A portable, hand-held, data transfer and repository apparatus in accordance with claim 25, further including:

at least one control key for initiating predetermined operations relating to said digital memory module.--

--29. (New) A portable, hand-held, data transfer and repository apparatus in accordance with claim 28, wherein processing circuitry is responsive to user initiation of a key to control the transfer of data from said memory module to said mass storage device.--

--30. (New) A portable, hand-held, data transfer and repository apparatus in accordance with claim 25, further wherein said memory input receiving section is operable to receive a further memory module structurally distinct from said digital memory module and further including data transfer circuitry operable to transfer the contents of said digital memory module to said mass storage device and to transfer the contents of said further storage module to said mass storage device.--

--31. (New) A portable, hand-held, data transfer and repository apparatus in accordance with claim 25, wherein said mass storage device is a hard drive.--